

Young Engineers Association

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FRC Team 4293
Komodo



Dear Business,

I am privileged to be part of an amazing robotics competition team, Team Komodo (FRC Team 4293), which operates under the non-profit Young Engineers Association (YEA). YEA is a 501(c)3 Colorado non-profit organization (EIN: 45-4876549) that allows South Metro Area youth to gain the experiences and skills necessary to design, build, program, and test a robot within a strict time period through the international FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC). YEA is a proud sponsor of Team Komodo which is in its tenth year of competition. Team Komodo is composed of high school-aged students from a variety of schools and homeschool programs spread out across the South Denver Suburbs. Through YEA and FRC, these students make executive, technical, financial, strategic, and operational decisions while guided by mentors who work in similar fields. This gives them practical experience as they prepare for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

The FIRST® Robotics Competition is a worldwide event encompassing over 4,000 teams and 75,000+ students. FIRST® was founded by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway™ Personal Transporter. His vision is to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in young people. Mr. Kamen has inspired students on the team to not just excel at robotics but grow a passion for it as well.

What makes Team Komodo unique in comparison to other FRC teams is its partnership with a locally owned machine shop. This arrangement allows students to gain hands-on experience designing, fabricating, assembling, and testing robots in state-of-the-art machine shop facilities while also working with mentors from the aerospace, network, business, and manufacturing sectors. Additionally, we operate independently from a local high school, so we rely solely on generous donations and grants to fund our team.

In 2015, Team Komodo progressed to the quarter-finals round of the tournament at the Colorado FIRST® Robotics Regional Competition. We were also awarded the prestigious Entrepreneurship Award for outstanding team finance management in 2014. In 2018, Team Komodo won the Colorado Regional Competition and advanced to the world championship in Houston, Texas where we competed alongside 400 teams from all over the world. The team was honored to win the inaugural Energy Day Scrimmage in Denver in September 2018. In 2019, the team continued our success by competing in both the Oklahoma and Colorado regionals, where we won a technical award at each event. In Oklahoma, the team was awarded the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors and in Colorado, it was the Autonomous Award sponsored by Ford. We made it to the finals of the Salt Lake City Regional competition just before the country shut down in 2020. During covid, the team operated remotely conducting meetings through zoom. Through quarantine the team continued to meet, work on projects, thinking of innovative and creative solutions to a variety of engineering problems. Throughout 2021 we continued with online meetings and conducted a few in person. For the 2022 season, the severity of covid had died down which allowed for more frequent in-person meetings. This allowed us to put much more time into the robot and we were able to construct a unique climbing system that won the Creativity award at the 2022 Colorado regional.

Team Komodo hopes you will consider a donation to support this pursuit of excellence and help continue to provide this important opportunity for tomorrow's engineers, scientists, and business professionals. Many of our alumni pursue careers in STEM fields in companies like yours. Please consider contributing a donation at any level listed on the attached form; return the detachable portion of this form along with your contribution in the envelope provided. We will send you a receipt for your donation and we sincerely thank you for your support. An online donation is also available on our website, www.youngengineers.us; click on the "Sponsors" tab and continue into the PayPal option.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Members of Team Komodo and the Young Engineers Association

"FIRST is more than robots. The robots are a vehicle for students to learn important life skills. Kids often come in not knowing what to expect – of the program nor of themselves. They leave, even after the first season, with a vision, with confidence, and with a sense that they can create their own future." -Dean Kamen

We will send you a receipt for your donation and we sincerely thank you for your support. An online donation is also available on our website, www.youngengineers.us, click on the "Sponsors" tab and continue into the PayPal option.

Donors providing any level of support will be recognized at the FIRST® Robotics Competition in March, either showcased on the team's "Thank You Banner" in their official Pit Area or displayed through a logo on the official robot. Please visit the team website to see a list of current sponsors and upcoming opportunities to see Team Komodo.

As a community focused robotics team, Team Komodo is always looking for sponsors to build lasting and beneficial relationships with. All donors will receive a "Thank You" letter including a receipt of your donation for tax purposes.

There are several sponsor levels to which you may donate:

- **Bronze (\$0-\$499):** Your Business name will be showcased on the team's banner in the Pit area and on the Team's website.
- **Titanium (\$500-\$2,499):** Your company logo will be showcased on the team's banner in the official Pit Area, your company logo will be featured on the Team's website, and a *small* sticker depicting your company logo will be placed on the robot and the team T-shirts.
- **Silver (\$2,500-\$4,999):** In addition to the above benefits: Instead of a small sticker, a *large* sticker depicting your name will be placed on the robot and the team T-shirt.
- **Gold: (\$5,000+):** In addition to the above benefits: Gold sponsor companies become part of the official team name with FIRST®, announced at all events and programs.

Non-monetary donations, such as service donations and gift cards, are appreciated as well and will be recognized at monetary value.

All donors will receive a receipt of their donation for tax purposes.

Please *detach* this portion and *include* with your donation in the envelope provided. Please mail this form and your donation to:



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Make checks payable to:
YOUNG ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION
TEAM #4293

Donation Level:

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If applicable, please include: your business card and copy of your logo
OR send a digital copy of your logo to sponsor@youngengineers.us